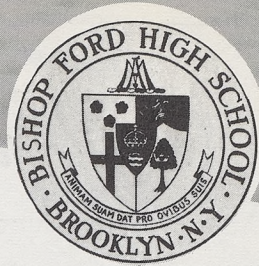


# HIGHPOINT



Vol. 5, No. 4

Bishop Ford High School, Brooklyn, N. Y.

March 10, 1967



Lincoln Center presentation of *La Cenerentola*, the first of four events sponsored by the Lincoln Center Club.

## Something's Happening

by William Gargan  
of the Highpoint Staff

The Lincoln Center Club presented its *Repertory in Action* program, "A Constant Happening" to the students of Bishop Ford High School on Monday, February 20, 1967.

The program consisted of four scenes from different plays. Although the times and styles of these plays differed, they were bound together by a common thread. Each one portrayed a certain human weakness that students should have recognized.

The first play, *The Taming of the Shrew* by William Shakespeare, dealt with the process of courtship. Kate, the shrew, refused to be controlled by any man, and Petruchio was bent on bringing her into his hands.

The second play was George Bernard Shaw's comedy, *St. Joan*. This was the story of Joan of Arc, emphasizing youth and purity. It also showed the attitude of the French at a crucial time in their history.

*The Matchmaker*, a play by Thornton Wilder, was the next presentation of *Repertory in Action*. This play was a tribute "to mankind's powers to enjoy life through exercise of the comic spirit." It was the story of two men from Yonkers who came to New York in search of adventure. They found

it in a most unusual place—Mrs. Malory's Hat Shoppe.

The last performance was Eugene Ionesco's *The Bald Soprano*. According to repertory member Frank Bayer, "nobody knows what this play really means."

In the future the Lincoln Center Club will present two concerts performed by the Julliard School of Music. The first, a chamber music recital, will be held on March 13 at 2:00 p.m. The program will include both Romantic and contemporary music played by a woodwind quintet. The second concert, a song recital with piano accompaniment, will be performed on April 17. Further information on these activities will be distributed at a later date.

### Literary Aspirants Attention!

IF YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS  
ABOUT SHORT STORIES  
POEMS, ETC.

Submit them to  
MR. CLIFFORD  
Moderator of Framework

## F.B.E.I. To Discuss Major Developments in Education

by Ed Barrett  
News Editor

The Franciscan Brothers of Brooklyn and Rockville Center will hold their annual Education Conference on Sunday, March 12 at Bishop Ford High School. The meeting will be officially opened with a prayer by the Very Rev. Brother Bertrand Ryan, O.S.F., Superior General of the Franciscan Brothers. Brother Timothy will then give a few words of welcome to the institute.

The theme "Contemporary Developments in Education" will be discussed in four group meetings. The guest speaker Brother Louis J. Faerber, noted Marianist educator, will give the keynote speech entitled "The Dynamics of Contemporary Education".

### Keynote Speaker

The prestige and great achievements of the guest speaker alone warrant attendance. Brother Faerber is listed in the following three national publications: *Who's Who in America*, *Who's Who in American Education*, and *Who's Who in the East*. His degrees include a B.A. from the University of Dayton, an M.A. from the Catholic University of America, and a Ph.D. also from the Catholic University of America.

Brother Faerber has taught in college for 18 years. He was the principal of Chaminade High School in Mineola, N.Y. from 1939 to 1945. He was a lecturer at the Catholic University of America (1945-48), Associate Dean, Division of Education, University of Dayton (1951-58), and Dean, School of Education, University of Dayton (1958-65).

### Discussion Groups

The discussion topics selected by the steering committee under the chairmanship of Brother Marius of Bishop Ford are "Government Education Programs" with Mr. Joseph Fox,



Brother Timothy and Brother Marius complete arrangements for F.B.E.I. meeting to be held March 12, 1967.

coordinator of Federal Grants for the Diocese of Rockville Center, as panelist; "A New Look at Professional Development" with Mr. Walter Meyer, Graduate School Counselor at St. Francis College, Brother Gerald Gilmarin O.S.F., Guidance Director at St. Francis College, and Brother Kilian Ryan O.S.F., Guidance Director at St. Anthony's High School in Smithtown, as panelists; "Communicating Values to Students" with Father Anthony F. Lo Gatto of the Catholic Charities Office for Queens County, and finally "Aid in Deprived Areas" will be discussed by Rev. Brother Becket Ryan O.S.F. of St. Francis



Brother Louis J. Faerber, S.M.

Special written advisory materials from the Brothers of the Christian Schools in Philadelphia and the Christian Brothers of Ireland from Brother Rice High School of Chicago will be incorporated into the one day Educational Institute.

Commenting on the purpose of the Institute, Brother Marius said that it endeavors to "Expose the forces that are changing our educational situation, and to evaluate these forces as they affect the teacher's roles."

The members of the National Honor Society of Bishop Ford will act as guides and ushers for the Institute which is anticipated to have an attendance of over 300.

## February, S. C. Successes

by Thomas Lenard  
Student Council Secretary

Both the Skiing Trip and Valentine Dance were successfully run by the Student Council during February.

The Skiing Trip was enjoyed by all who went on it and was summed up by Kevin Byrne: "Just to say that the Ski Trip was great would be an understatement. The fun of standing in the snow for an hour and a half while trying to push the bus out of a hole, the girls and the discotheque Saturday night, the "Beautiful" waitress at the diner and a certain assistant principal with brilliant red and black pajamas complete with Chinese insignia, all added up to make the Skiing Trip an exciting and nostalgic weekend."

The Valentine Dance was run as a

dance should be by Ed Lista. The excellent decorations, the superb bands (Hangmen & Deceivers) and the limited crowd all contributed to the success of this event.

March started off with a big blast on March 7. It was the first Rock & Roll Show ever presented here at Ford, featuring *The Vagrants*, *The Birds of Paradise*, and *The Renne-Cades*.

The Student Council is also in the process of organizing a raffle in which a student from Ford will win a free trip to Europe with the Duns Scotus sponsored tour. If encouraged by student body support, the raffle could be the biggest "school spirit" venture ever attempted here at Ford.



# Editorials

Frank Tabert  
Editor-In-Chief

## THE GREAT STAGE

Our school auditorium has witnessed many events produced through the efforts of many people. Opera, film, drama, and entertainment has walked upon our great stage.

Although the recent film festival was of dubious worth, and possibly a lark flew above our heads, the intent was there—efforts were made to “enrich” the Ford student.

Sometimes we are weary or leery about the recent injections of “culture” under our skins. We hear of an Italian “art” film and immediately (usually due to ignorance) we dismiss it.

But, let voluptuous John Pinto (coach-mother of that other team) urge attendance at a basketball game and let a few Seniors use their musical talents on stage and voila, a house full of interested students. This was the key to last month’s assembly sponsored by the Senior Committee—it evoked interest. Chairmen Bob Tozzi and John Pinto are to be commended for their fine work. They presented an assembly produced, directed, and acted by Ford students. It was an assembly that the student body enjoyed.

## To “Enrich” Us

Due to its great success, I would recommend the formation of Junior, Sophomore, and Freshman Committees to stage assemblies in the future. If that is what you want, that is what you should receive.

But let us not discount any entertaining, cultural, or enriching program which requires us to become involved on a different plane. Opera and rock and roll show, chamber music and Christmas carols, serious drama and light assemblies are just a part of the versatility of efforts to “enrich” us.

## No Indifference

So you don’t want to be enriched? All right; at the other end of the building is the gym. A diversity of sports is offered to the student. So you are not athletic? No sweat. Along the corridors are various laboratories, classrooms, and offices open to the interested student.

Each student in this school has an obligation to be aware of all the programs offered to utilize your talents, even if participation is undesirable or impossible. The wise student is not an indifferent one.

## Scholarship Scores Show Senior Strength

The results of the Regents Scholarship Examination, recently confirmed, have been received by our school. The winners of scholarships from Bishop Ford are listed below:

Albro, George W.  
Argenziano, Frederick  
Barrett, Edward  
Baumer, Nelson  
Calder, James  
Cardamone, Thomas  
Carmellino, Joseph  
Cueter, George  
Cusick, Roger  
Dinuzzo, Ferdinand  
Donahue, Thomas  
Donovan, Francis  
Duveen, Peter  
Falcone, Alphonse  
Fitzpatrick, Philip  
Flaim, Louis  
Fleateau, John  
Flynn, Eugene  
Gatto, Warren  
Ginnetto, Anthony  
Giorgio, Robert  
Grant, Alan  
Grattan, William  
Habib, Douglas  
Hajduczek, George  
Holt, Francis  
Iaccarino, Richard

Kelly, William  
Kilfoyle, Thomas  
Lever, Donald  
Lingua, Robert  
Mallozzi, John  
McAuliffe, Charles  
McCarthy, James  
McComiskey, Gregory  
McCorkell, Charles  
McGowan, Michael  
Mullins, Patrick  
Murphy, James  
Newman, George  
Orlando, Frank  
Palmieri, Robert  
Pinto, John  
Powers, Andrew  
Santangelo, Edward  
Scozzari, Francis  
Siciliano, Gerald  
Steinbuch, Thomas  
Tabert, Francis  
Toolan, Steven  
Verdonik, James  
Walsh, Christopher  
Whiting, Thomas  
Yost, Roger  
Yuretich, Richard

Highpoint wishes to congratulate these students for their outstanding achievement.

## Senior Board Spurs Student Interest

by Robert Tozzi  
of the Highpoint Staff

For a long time now Seniors have been crying for privileges and special activities for themselves. Well finally something has been done about this great problem. A Senior Committee has been organized at Ford to assist the upper classmen in solving this dilemma. Under the moderation of Brother Jonathan, the committee meets once a week in the Auditorium.

## Has Student Support

A most important factor in the success of the committee is that it receives the full support of the Senior Class. As it is now there are only about thirty members of the committee. This does not mean that membership is closed. Any person who is interested may come down to the meetings at any time, provided he is a Senior of course.

## Sponsors Assembly

So far, the Senior Committee has sponsored an assembly which was a huge success with the rest of the school. This assembly was sort of a pep rally for a basketball game that was to take place that night in our gym. During the assembly, which was emceed by Sal Rasa, a mock up Xaverian team was introduced on the stage. The highlight was when John Pinto, dressed as a woman, came out as the coach of the team. During the skit, cream pies were exchanged between the emcee and the team. The assembly ended with the whole school singing the Alma Mater.

So finally, an invitation is extended to all Seniors to join in the fun on the Senior committee.

## Out of the In

by Richard Yuretich  
Assistant Editor

For a long time, Washington politicians and Pentagon officials have been known for their use of the longest and most obscure words in the dictionary. This is done partly to make an impression and partly to be sure that nobody knows what they’re saying. Here are a few pointers to help you in guarding against being confused.

First of all, you must be sure of the authenticity of the speaker’s motives. In other words, the rhetorician should be veridical in your opinion. Never preclude his accuracy.

## Accuracy, Brevity and Clarity (???)

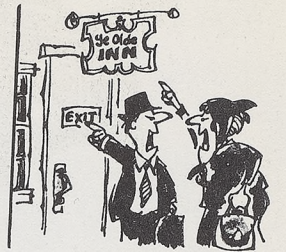
Be certain that the orator’s verbal clarity is extremely explicit. Otherwise confusion may result in the expedient interpretation of his designs. Always be on guard against credulity cloaked in acute etymology.

Flaccidity of expression can lead to unharmonious anticipation and mendacious conclusions. Watch out for it. Sometimes, pettifoggery is attempted through synominal connotations. Try to avoid this by being inquisitorial; never seat yourself in the midst of ambiguities.

## Rules To Confuse

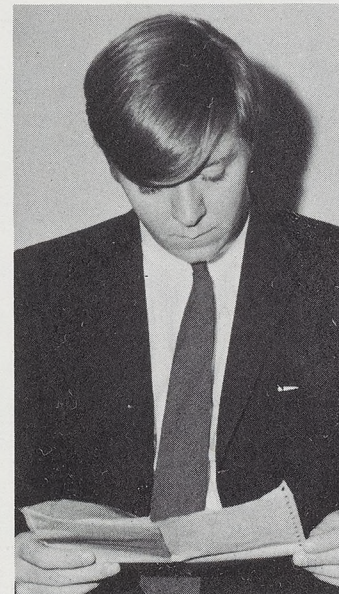
One final point: remember that, for the most part, the expositor is attempting to cause a virtual cerebral cataclysm. Don’t try to outsmart him. The wisest thing to do is to oblviate your thought processes of these debilitated endeavors at perplexity.

With these rules in mind you should be able to recognize anyone who is trying to confuse you.



©1966 Mad Magazine.

## HELP!



The Pagoda staff is down on their knees while Mr. O'Dea (l.) ponders how money can be raised for this year’s Senior Book.

They are in sore need of HELP.



Published by the students of  
BISHOP FORD HIGH SCHOOL  
Brooklyn, New York

Vol. 5, No. 4 March 10, 1967

Brother Timothy Walsh, O.S.F.  
Principal

Mr. Thomas J. Gillen  
Moderator

Editor-in-Chief: Frank Tabert

Assistant Editor: Richard Yuretich

News Editor: Edward Barrett

Feature Editor: Stephen Brienza

Sports Editor: Ernie Barba

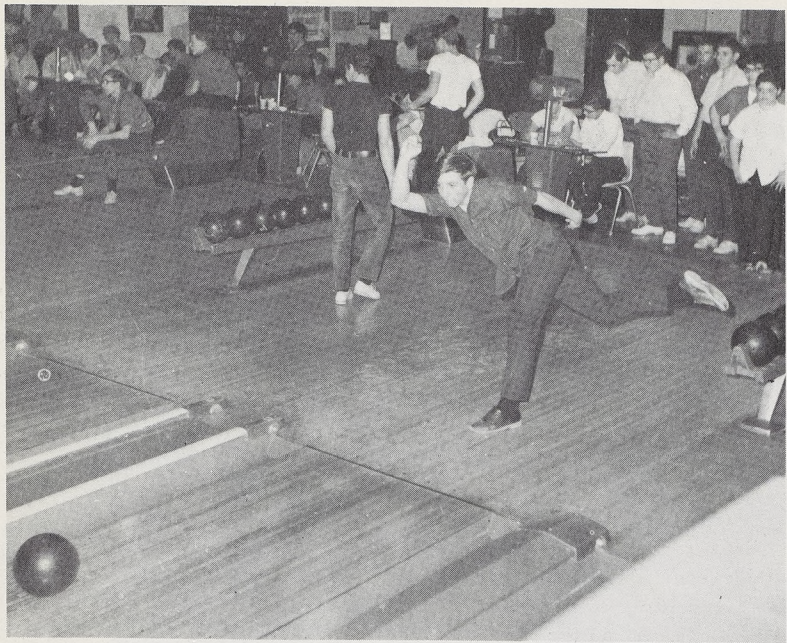
Business Manager: Robert Tozzi

Reporters: Steven Balzarini,  
John Bonanni, James Brannan,  
Carl Cappadona, James Cutie,  
Thomas Donahue, William Gargan,  
Carmine Grillo, Thomas Lenard,  
Robert Palmieri, Richard Roberts,  
Greg Shelton, John Skalecky,  
Joseph Tardo

Art Staff: William Costello, Tom Hom

Photography Staff: Frank Orlando,  
Stephen Siciliano





Ford bowlers in competition at Strand Lanes.

## Bowlers in 3-way Tie

by Robert Palmieri  
of the Highpoint Staff

Bishop Ford's Varsity Bowling team is tied for first place with Saint Augustine and Trinity. The first half of the season is over and all three teams have identical records of 16 wins and eight losses. The teams are followed by Loughlin who is in second place.

The members of the team and their averages are: Captain Frank Seggio, 170; Rocco Ritorto, 163; Bob Pivinski, 151; Pat Bellomo, 170; Mike Muscatello, 169; Richard McBride, 162; Rocco Loccisano, 155; Dan DiTonno, 142.

The team average is 835. Our opponents' averages are Trinity, 814 and Saint Augustine, 788. Captain Seggio told me, "We have the strongest, well balanced team in the league. We should finish at least second and possibly first."

The regular starters are Frank Seggio, Rocco Ritorto and Pat Bellomo. Two other men are required to make up a five man team. Two replacements are allowed for a total of seven men per match. There are eight men on the team so each week one man is given a day off.

Seggio is the only veteran of the varsity. Pivinski, Ritorto and Bellomo

were three major components of last year's Junior Varsity. The other members of the team are fairly new to our bowling brotherhood.

Captain Seggio seemed very confident as he told me, "We should bring the first bowling championship to the school."

If we get into the playoffs by finishing a first or second, our team will play in Stadium Lanes in the Bronx (across the street from the home of the Yankees). The playoffs will be held in the first two weeks of May.

All of our League games are played at Strand Lanes, here in Brooklyn. These games will continue until the middle of April, when the season ends.

The members get most of their practice by bowling in outside leagues. No organized practices are held as Brother Hubert maintains that practice is essential but "not mandatory".

## J.V. Makes Playoffs

by Ernie Barba  
Sports Editor

This year's J.V. finished the season with an amazing 14-2 record. They finished two games behind St. Francis Prep who wound up with a 16-0 record. It was the second best record any J.V. team has ever accomplished, topped only by the 63-64 team which had an overall record of 19-1. From Ford's standpoint, the second Prep game was very disappointing, since they were defeated 94-57.

In regard to the playoffs, they will be held at Mount St. Michaels in the Bronx. When questioned about the playoffs, Mr. Nash stated, "I would be very happy to see my team reach the semi-finals." To accomplish this feat, the J.V. must win the first two games in the playoffs. The top J.V. teams from the Bronx-Manhattan league include Rice, Power Memorial and LaSalle. Going into the playoffs, our team will be at full strength, with Nick Lanza fully recovered from his broken wrist.

The basketball season winds up with the following individual averages: Jim Jones, 17 points a game; Russell White, 16; Jimmy McLoughlin, 11; Don Mulligan, 10; Frank Kirkland, 10; Tom Lambert, 8; and Nick Lanza, 8.

One last season note I would like to add is that no matter how the team makes out in post-season competition, Mr. Nash and his J.V. team deserve a tremendous amount of credit, the latter for their superb performances throughout the season.

While the Freshman team wasn't as successful as the J.V., they proved to be the "spoilers." They ended the season winning four out of their last six games, including a 55-51 win over a stunned first place Brooklyn Prep Team, with Joe Walsh scoring 16 points. The Prep had lost only one game until the Ford contest. The final record for the Frosh was 5 wins and 11 losses.

## New Sprinters, New Track Times

by Thomas Donahue  
of the Highpoint Staff

The indoor season is almost over and although the Falcons have not won an indoor title they have just about sowed up second place in the dual meet league.

New members have joined the squad-sprinters, Greg Blount and Alfred Logie; and the return of Louie Levitino was a welcome sight. They have given the team variety and depth and this is proven by the fact that school records are revised almost every week.

On January 17, the team traveled to Loughlin to face the hungry Lions on their "trampoline" track. The Falcons never got moving as a variety of sicknesses, injuries, and maladjustment to Loughlin's antique, decaying track kept Ford grounded. A few good performances were not enough to stop the Lions as the Falcons met their first defeat of the season, 82 to 20. If at all possible, a return match will take place later in the season.

The Brooklyn-Queens Sectional Championships took place on January 22 and the team showed much improvement since their last meet. The 880 yard relay took third place and two exceptional times were turned in by Michael Alexander (23.7) and Ralph Coccoaro (23.7). Veteran Bob Munro showed true form when he ran 4:42 for the mile and junior Steve O'Donnell ran a fine 2:08 for the half-mile.

### School Record Set

Saturday, January 28 was the date for the St. Francis Games. Ray Worsdale turned in a better than average half-mile and not far behind was promising sophomore Tom McClellan. The best time of the day was a school record, 9:53.9, two mile run by Tom Donahue.

On February 4, the big one, the City Intersectional Championship, was held. The Falcons gave a good account of themselves when called upon. Mario Colasuonno set a school record with a 5th place, 5.8 timing in the 50 yard dash. Danny Cummins set a school record with a leap of 5'10" in the high jump. The novice six-lap relay team also set a school record with a second place finish. The boys, Wayne Marshall, Greg Blount, Pete Marblo and Alfred Logie, eclipsed the former meet record by more than a full second. Finally, Tom Donahue also set a new school record with a time of 4:34.3 in the mile run.

### Guilfoyle Saves Ford

Nazareth came to our school on February 13 for a dual meet. Ford came out of the meet with one of the major upsets of the season. Down the stretch the two teams went battling for every point. It all came down to the mile relay and Paul Guilfoyle. If he brought the stick home safely the Falcons were victors, if not the meet would be thrown into a tie. Paul brought it home safely and the Falcon harriers had one of the most exciting sports victories in the school's history, 53 to 49. Incidentally, Nazareth finished fourth in the City Championships!

## Varsity-2nd Place

by James Brannan  
of the Highpoint Staff

Varsity basketball coach Frank (Chick) Keegan proved himself to be an able prognosticator this year. Among the many predictions that he made before the basketball season started was that "this team will finish no lower than third". Actually, Mr. Keegan could have afforded to be slightly more optimistic—the Varsity Falcons finished in second place, one game ahead of the nearest competitors.

The central reason for the squad's placing so high was (who else?) Gene Mumford. The Varsity's main man went on an offensive rampage this season. He ripped off 420 points in 16 regular season CHSAA games for a spectacular 26.3 average. Gene, who is proficient in every phase of the sport, left many opponents scratching their heads and wondering if he was for real. Any questions to this effect could well be directed to the Nazareth squad. Their season was ruined before it could get started when Gene scored 37 points in leading the Falcons to an opening night 63-59 victory over the stunned Kingsmen.

### "The Forgotten Men"

Opposing forces also found themselves bogged down by the inspired play of Roger Yost. Imposing No. 33 poured in 232 points this season, good for a 14.5 average. Roger was especially fond of hitting against Trinity as he twice scored 25 points against the Tigers. Roger is sometimes referred to as "the forgotten man of the Varsity". His talents were sorely appreciated, however, by the coaches of the other seven teams in the league, who had to devise ways of stopping him twice a year.

Steve Toolan also found himself a

niche in the ranks of the high scorers—he popped in exactly 160 points for 16 games, which works out to a solid ten-a-game clip. A sporadic marksman during most of the campaign, Big Steve found his shooting eye late in the season at Xavierian's expense. Toolan's 19 points in that game helped push over a Falcon victory.

### Next Year's Team

A 12-4 mark is hard to achieve in the CHSAA but our Varsity managed it. Mumford, Yost, Toolan, and enigmatic backcourt ace Henry Arroyo (benched, to the dismay of most Falcon followers, in late December) will not be back next year. However, many young veterans stand ready to drive the team forward in '67-68. Players like Bob Sheedy, Earl Pinto, Marlow Spivey, Bob Welsh, Tom Burke, Ron Clyne, Jim Meehan, Richie Petersen and John Hederman. And, hopefully, Coach Keegan will be around to guide the fortunes of the Falcons.

No matter from which angle you look at it, next season's Varsity has all the promise that the '66-67 Varsity had. And don't forget, next year's edition of the team has a Playoff tradition to continue.



Ray Worsdale leads Varsity track men (above) while Donald Wisniewski (left) works out on snowed-in track.

Don is Ford's "Trackster of the Month" and is captain of the Freshman team. An honor student, he shows great promise for the soon-to-come Outdoor season.

March 18, 1967 is the date for the last Indoor track meet—The All Star Meet. Watch Ford's best compete with New York's finest.



# Mad: Satire Reigns Supreme

by Stephen Brienza and Richard Yuretech

485 Madison Avenue is a building that appears as innocent as any of the others situated on that famous boulevard. However, tucked away in a corner on the 13th floor is the office of *Mad* magazine. Upon opening the door, one is transported into the zany world of Alfred E. Neuman and potrzebie.

*Mad* magazine had its beginnings in 1952 as *Mad Comics*. This publication satirized other comics of the era, for example "Melvin of the Apes." In 1955 however, the editors wanted to do something "real mad." As a result, the present magazine form appeared. This act broadened the range of topics which could fall under their sarcastic pen.

The purpose of *Mad*, as stated by Editorial Associate Mr. Jerry De Fuccio, is to "editorialize on existing conditions. The publication thought by many to be nonsense, is really a cleverly comic look at the world around us." Mr. De Fuccio claimed that *Mad* is not out to offend anyone. The main object, he said, was to "put down anything pretentious and unreal, such as the phony aura which surrounds MADison Avenue."

## Squabbles

Some articles have brought storms of protest to the editors' ears. One such article is the "Preamble Revisited" which appeared in a recent issue. This article consisted of the famous beginning words of the Constitution coupled with some infamous pictures of Negro lynchings, Ku Klux Klan rallies, etc. Many people drew the conclusion that *Mad* was anti-Constitution and anti-U.S. Mr. De Fuccio explained that they just wanted to point out that even now, many inequalities do exist.

Another squabble resulted when *Mad* published an article entitled "Sing Along with Mad". This feature used several famous tunes and *Mad* inserted its own words. Songwriter Irving Berlin brought a suit against the magazine for using his tunes, but he lost the case.

Despite these hassles, *Mad* continues its policy of knocking down anything and everything. Mr. De Fuccio said: "Some people don't agree with our ideas and policies. However, most people that read *Mad* like our magazine." Asked why *Mad* steered clear of certain subjects such as the Viet Nam war and LSD, Mr. De Fuccio replied: "We don't like to touch on the war because many people are losing their sons and relatives and we don't believe it's good taste to



Alfred E. Newman: *Mad*'s "Grate Founder."

satirize tragedy. It's the same thing with the space program. We realize that men are dedicating their lives to the achievement of space and respect them." As for LSD, "We deal only with that which is most familiar to all people. LSD does not fall into this category." He continued "There are certain areas we don't touch at all, such as mother, sex, and religion."

## A "Mad" Office

After the interview, we toured the office and it proved that there is nuttiness involved in the publication of *Mad*. Covering the walls are the original covers from every issue of *Mad* magazine. The office of publisher Bill Gaines contained such "treasures" as the famous six-fingered hand, an Alfred E. Neuman award and a *Mad* mobile. There was also a cash register which had a picture of each staff member on its keys. Pushing down a different staff member would bring up a different snyde remark.

Continuing on our excursion, we met Arthur, the avocado plant, and a gorilla which was peeking over the top of the Empire State Building.

Besides Mr. De Fuccio, we met Art Director John Putnam, and Artist Al Jaffee, creator of the "Mad Fold-In."



Jerry DeFuccio with the famed six-fingered hand.

We were curious about the origin of Alfred E. Neuman. Mr. De Fuccio explained that he was the "village idiot" type who appeared on calendars around the turn of the century. The phrase "What me worry?" was tacked on later.

Mr. De Fuccio concluded our brief insight into the world of *Mad* by saying that; "our magazine is written for anyone who wants to read it. Most of our readers, however, are 25 and under. High school students represent the majority, judging from subscriptions."

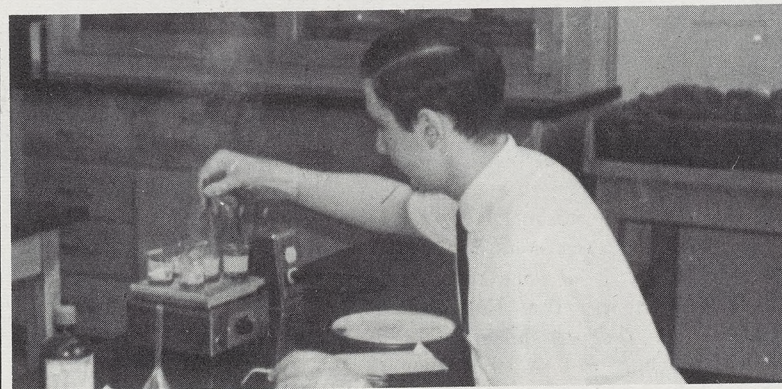
# Activities of Mice and Men

by Richard Roberts  
of the Highpoint Staff

If you ever happen to pass by the Biology Lab after school, don't be surprised if you hear Brother Marius say, "Catch that creature". Also don't be surprised if in the middle of a class a hamster wanders in to see what's going on. One night two hamsters got out of their cages, and so far we've found 14.

All this shows that Bishop Ford's Roger Bacon Science Club is keeping up its reputation of being very active.

Club members, which represent all class levels, will be presenting their year's work in the upcoming science fairs. These include our own Bishop Ford Science Fair, to be held in



Richard Roberts: The beginnings of a Roger Bacon Scientist.

April or May. The Diocesan Science Fair, to be held at Nazareth H.S. on Apr. 22; and the City Science Fair to be held at Westinghouse H.S. on April 15.

Our school will have many chances to walk away with honors. We have projects in chemistry, physics, and we are especially noted for our special projects in radiation biology.

# Brother Venard: The Impossible Dreamer

by Stephen Brienza  
Feature Editor

Some students here at Ford when asked about Brother Venard would say "He is a lot of fun". Others would describe him as a "great guy". Still others would note him as someone who can "talk to you about almost anything".

## Early Decision

Brother Venard came to us from Ridgewood, Queens, where he attended St. Brigette's grammar school. It was here, during the seventh grade, that his vocation was decided upon. Following his graduation, Brother entered St. Anthony's Juniorate in Smithtown, L.I. He liked to write as evidenced by his writing for the school newspaper and his winning of a number of essay contests.

St. Francis College was the next step in Brother Venard's education. He received a B.A. in social studies. He then went on to graduate school at CCNY where he obtained his M.A. in international relations. This is a political science course which includes government diplomacy, and international economics.

## Activities Important

As a teacher, Brother Venard spent three-and-one half years at St. Francis Xavier grammar school, and another three years at St. Anthony's grammar school in Greenpoint. Brother believes that extra-curricular activities are means of enhancing one's mind. His work as a swimming and basketball coach at St. Anthony's convinced him that "You develop yourself by action with other people."

## Teacher-Counselor

Brother is presently the Vocation Counselor for our school and several others in this area. He also has taken over the job of teaching the religion classes which were left vacant by the departure of Brother Brian. Brother combines the two jobs into one when he said that "a teacher must do basic counseling". He feels that the best part of his work is assisting someone to do something and offering help to others as Vocation Counselor.

## Tuned In

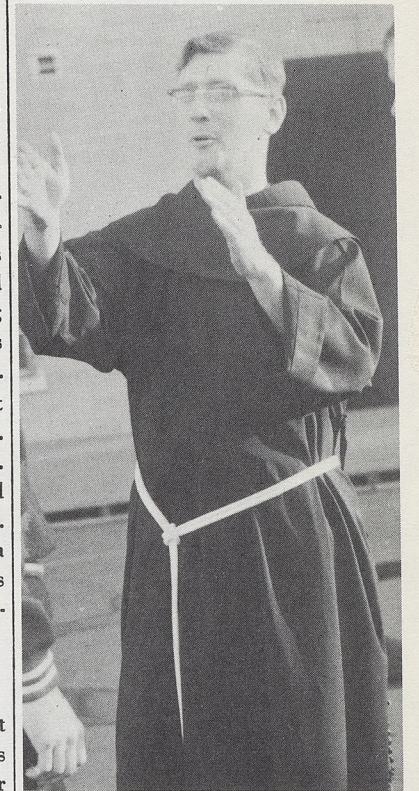
Brother Venard is a "TV star". He was one of the pioneers who first worked on Diocesan TV at Nazareth. His own show, seen four times a week, is the evidence of his labors in the television wing of the school.

The hardest and most frustrating part of the Vocation Counselor's job is trying to put the idea across to students that their individuality is important to the community. Brother says "There is so much that all the kids in Ford have. They are the world. If they would only realize how much they have to contribute."

## Also a Mountaineer

Brother has traveled extensively throughout the Eastern United States, Bermuda, and Puerto Rico. In this last country, he took a Honda and rode partly up the side of a mountain.

To the question of God being dead, Brother replied: "The concept of God being somewhere and looking down at us like an accountant is dead. The God that lives is a personal individual who lives next to us."



Karl Marx, Lammenais (the first Catholic socialist) and Proudhon (a French socialist) are some of the writers Brother enjoys. He likes all types of music and Broadway shows. Brother uses the songs "Open a New Window" from *Mame*, and "The Impossible Dream" from *The Man of La Mancha* as guidelines by which we should live. He says, "The majority of men go through life settling for second best. They could learn much if they lived according to the 'The Impossible Dream'."

Brother had a number of comments on life. Among them were: "Life is great. The whole thing is love."

Brother has some words of wisdom for teachers: "A teacher goes into a classroom to learn from the students." To the students, he says that "your worth as a person is immeasurable."

Brother keeps himself busy with his work, his publication, *Insight* and his television show. He is also working on a thesis on Sumner Welles' *Mission to Europe* and has just handed in an article to be published in *The Tablet*. To add to all this, Brother hopes to get his degree in guidance in the near future.

COMING NEXT

IN HIGHPOINT:

BROTHER DERMOT